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NEWSCASTER: This is Spectrum, on the CBS Radio Network. Daily personal opinion on issues of public interest from two different viewpoints. Now today's perspective.

ETHEL PAYNE: I'm Ethel Payne. Well, what do you know? The CIA is getting into the affirmative action business.

Last week there was a two day conference on minority employment in that sanctum sanctorium, the CIA headquarters in McLean, Virginia.

Most of the guests who wine and dine on chicken and spare-ribs were black but there was the dour-faced Director of the Agency mingling with the crowd and smiling warmly.

The CIA is stepping up its drive to recruit black professionals. At present, 6.4 percent are black.

Though the Agency disclaims any special emphasis on hiring blacks and says it is looking for performance, it is clear that it wants to improve its once stereotyped image. Moreover, it is well known that the CIA has a bad track record of surveillance on some of the most respected black organizations and individuals in the country.

Now, the trouble with this late blooming friendly persuasion is that it just plain scares black folks to know that the CIA wants some of us as secret spies. As a matter of fact, the suspicion is already there. The soul may be sold to the intelligence apparatus.

Maybe, I've been seeing too many television shows with blacks as informers or cops in disguise. Nevertheless, the next time someone approaches me with a black power handshake, I may hesitate

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and ask "Hey brother, hey sister, you checking me out for the CIA? You dig it?"

Well, you know how it is. Taking care of business is one thing but don't let that affirmative action stuff co-opt with that of those rights which we don't have yet.

One of the brothers at the party said "The Russians don't care if I'm blue, yellow, or red." So, if black is going to be the in thing in sleuthing now, shouldn't you be worried just a little?

Well, I'm Ethel Payne, for Spectrum asking "Who can you trust?"

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A copy was sent to [redacted] with a note
from Mr. Proctor: "Please see that people
in the Agency involved in planning the conference
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